

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 8-12 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in those claims. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 1-7. Without conceding the rejections of claims 8-12, and solely to place the application in condition for allowance, claims 8-12 are voluntarily canceled.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments place the application in condition for allowance as indicated in the Final Rejection. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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